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**TELL CITY WOMAN SENTENCED
FOR BANK EMBEZZLEMENT**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DARLENE A. FORTWENDEL, 46, Tell City, Indiana, was sentenced to 37 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following her guilty plea to embezzlement. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FORTWENDEL was employed as a customer service representative at Old National Bank in Tell City, Indiana. Beginning in January 2000 and continuing until December 2001, FORTWENDEL embezzled \$788,968.06 of the bank's money by manipulating funds in various certificates of deposit (CDs) and savings accounts of customers.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following FORTWENDEL's release from imprisonment. FORTWENDEL was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$788,968.06.

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